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23 November 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander (oan) 9th U.S. Coast Guard District, 1240 E. Ninth Street, Federal Building, Cleveland, OH 44199

SUBJECT: Notice to Navigation Interests

It is requested that the enclosed Notice to Navigation Interests be published and disseminated.

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LOCAL NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS St. Marys River, Michigan Ice Control Booms, Course 2, Little Rapids Channel

The ice control booms will be installed at the head of Little Rapids Channel and will remain in place throughout the winter.

Operations will commence on the easterly side of upper Course 2, Little Rapids Channel, on or about December 1, 2004. Little Rapids Cut Temporary Lighted Ice Buoy, R98B, (LLNR-14105), showing characteristic Quick Flashing Red, (Q.R.) will be installed in approximate position, 134 degrees true, 4,800 feet from Bayfield Dike Light, (LLNR-14185), (Iso.R.), to mark the upstream limits of the East boom anchor system. When Buoy R98B is positioned, the easterly 175 feet of the channel will be closed to navigation.

Also during the first week of December 2004, the West Ice Control Boom will be installed. The boom will project into the channel no more than 40 feet immediately upstream of Light 99, (LLNR-14110), (F.G.). Submerged anchor chains and cables will extend upstream from the floating portion of the boom to the ice stabilization island. At that time, the available channel width for navigation will be restricted to about 385 feet until removal of the booms in the spring of 2005.

The positions of the booms to be installed are shown on the attached chartlet. All vessel masters are cautioned that anchor chains and cables are located under water and extend upstream and shoreward of the visible portions of the booms. Mariners are requested to exercise care in navigating this area and to be especially alert to avoid fouling with the submerged chains and cables. Small boat operators are cautioned to stay clear of the steel piles, ice stabilization islands and partially submerged anchor cables, and to be especially alert after dark to avoid the floating portions of the ice booms.

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